

Senate Resolution 71

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Rogers of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Smith of the 52nd, Harp of the 29th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Alcohol Regulation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution specifically authorizes the states to regulate
3 "intoxicating liquors" within their borders; and

4 WHEREAS, the manufacture, transport, sale, and possession of alcohol in Georgia is subject
5 to a myriad of complex laws and regulations arising from various motivations and including
6 restrictions on the sale of alcohol on Sundays; and

7 WHEREAS, proposals have been advanced to revise these laws, including the introduction of
8 Senate Bill 26 which embraces certain of these proposals; and

9 WHEREAS, any revision of the alcohol laws requires thorough study to ensure that
10 competition is not unfairly thwarted and that the public health and safety are not unnecessarily
11 jeopardized.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Study Committee on Alcohol Regulation to be composed of seven members of the Senate to
14 include the Chairperson of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee, the
15 Chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairperson of the Senate Economic
16 Development Committee, and four members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The
17 Lieutenant Governor shall designate one of the members of the committee to serve as
18 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
21 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient
23 to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the

1 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the
2 allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall
3 receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds
4 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated
5 to the Senate. In the event that the committee makes a report of its findings and
6 recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made
7 on or before December 31, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31,
8 2007.